



Interment Ceremony for the Willed Body Program April 30, 2009





MEMORIAL PARK

of

The University of Texas Health Science Center
at San Antonio

Established January 25, 1996

This portion of the campus has been set aside as the final resting place of the cremated remains of persons who have donated their bodies for the furtherance of medical knowledge. It is in testimony to and in gratitude for the generous gifts of these selfless friends that this memorial park is dedicated. Through their benevolence and foresight, they have provided a unique and essential resource in the training of health care professionals. Both the University and a multitude of unknown beneficiaries in this and in future generations, who will enjoy enhanced health and longevity through the efforts of students of the health sciences whom these bodies have helped to train, owe these donors a debt of gratitude.

Enter this place of solitude to find refuge from surrounding distractions and experience restoration of spirit. Contemplate the timeless value of the altruistic acts of those who have donated their bodies for scientific study. Join with others who honor our benefactors, in whose memory this park is consecrated.

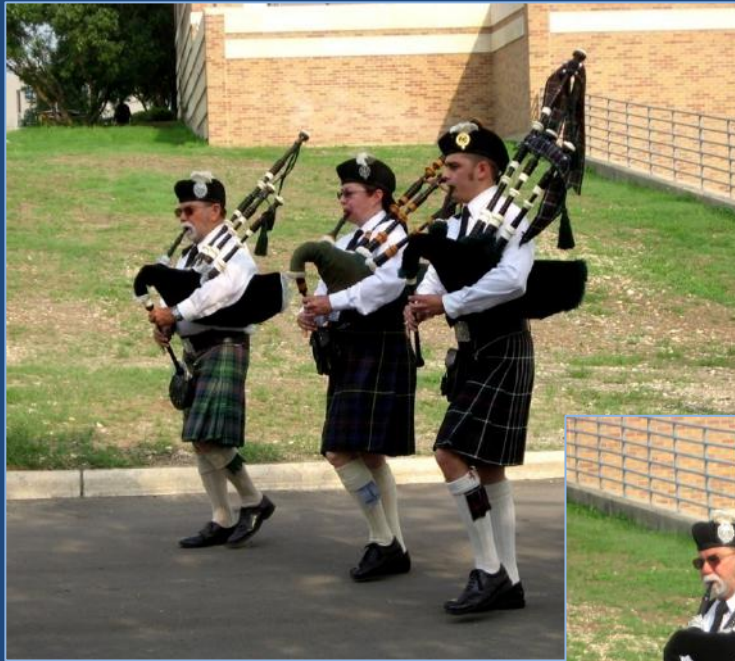


Memorial Park
UTHSCSA, North Campus

**Students, faculty, staff,
and family members gather**



Pipers lead the way to the Memorial Park



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**Pipers from San Antonio Pipe and Drum
Pipe Major Harrell Southerland
Kathleen Swanson
Robert Chalk**





Students, faculty, staff, and family members at graveside



The program included
Dr. Ron Philo, Dr. Robert Reddick,
and representatives from
each class that had studied
anatomy during the year





Ron Philo, Ph.D.
Director of the Willed Body Program
UTHSCSA



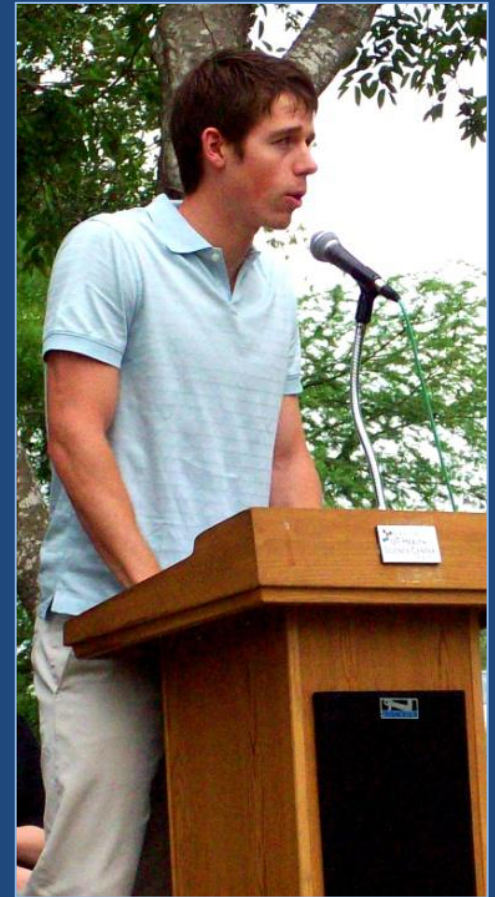
**Robert Reddick, M.D.
Interim Dean
Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
UTHSCSA**



**Alexandra Forney
Representing the First Year
Dental School Class**

“As students, we have a fond and appreciative memory of our silent teachers. It is they who allowed us to differentiate *by feel* a blood vessel from a nerve, or how thick a cancer feels in a lung, or the precise location for anesthesia. It is these generous individuals who allow us to see what *real* organs look like and where they are oriented in the body. The intricacies of the human body cannot be completely understood through lectures, books, or pictures. These special individuals have allowed us the opportunity to study beyond textbooks, and made lasting impressions we will never forget.”

“Much like an organ donor passes on a heart, liver, or kidney to someone in desperate need, those who willed their bodies for our learning will also save another, albeit in a more indirect manner. By donating every single organ they had, they have taught valuable lessons to those of us who seek to save a life tomorrow. One of my classmates will perhaps become a heart surgeon. Because of his training in anatomy, he will navigate along nerves, arteries, and veins with precision. Another classmate will become an obstetrician, and she will be able to rescue premature infants using her intimate knowledge of the womb.”



Matt Jackson
Representing the First Year
Medical School Class



“Each line on her face and crease of her hand held a story, and although we never had the pleasure of knowing her in life, the lessons and knowledge she gave us in death can never be replaced.”

**Amber Hatcher
Representing the First Year
Occupational Therapy Class**

“This experience hasn't just profited our education, but also all the lives that we hope we can help throughout our careers. So, the bodies of these families' loved ones have the potential to impact people around this city, around the country, and around the world.”



**Francis Bisagni
Representing the First Year
Physical Therapy Program**



Ellis Goins
Representing the Third Year
Physical Therapy Program



**Students, faculty, staff,
and family members
pay their respects**







The sound of bagpipes
close the program





**“These donors we honor today
have done more than educate,
they will save lives, even after their
own is over.”**

**On behalf of the
First Year Medical School Class**

“We were entrusted with a sacred gift.”

**On behalf of the
First Year Physical Therapy Program**





“You have given us all an irreplaceable look at life, death and a clear picture of how amazing it is to be human.”

**On behalf of the
 First Year Occupational Therapy Class**

A Lasting Tribute

“As my silent mentor, I want you to know you are always there when I see patients. When I administer my first local anesthetic, I will not be afraid, keeping in mind what you taught me. When I listen to a heart, I will recall and never forget holding your heart. When I encounter my most challenging dental case, I will remember all that I learned and how you were right there with me at the very beginning of my career.”

On behalf of the
First Year Dental School Class



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